

man is on trial for a given offense he is therefore to be freed from all criticism upon his general conduct and manner of life. In my letter to which you object, I referred to a certain prominent financier, Mr. Harriman, on the one hand, and to Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Debs on the other, as being equally undesirable citizens. It is as foolish to assert that this was designed to influence the trial of Moyer and Haywood as to assert that it was designed to influence the suits that have been brought against Mr. Harriman. I neither expressed nor indicated any opinion as to whether Messrs. Moyer and Haywood were guilty of the murder of Governor Steunenberg. If they are guilty they certainly ought to be punished. If they are not guilty they certainly ought not to be punished. But no possible outcome either of the trial or the suits can affect my judgment as to the undesirability of the type of citizenship of those whom I mentioned. Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Debs stand as representatives of those men who have done as much to discredit the labor movement as the worst speculative financiers or most unscrupulous employers of labor and debauchers of legislatures have done to discredit honest capitalists and fair-dealing business men. They stand as the representatives of those men who by their public utterances and manifestoes, by the utterances of the papers they control or inspire, and by the words and deeds of those associated with or subordinated to them, habitually appear

as guilty of incitement to or apology for  
bloodshed and  
violence. If this does not constitute  
undesirable citizenship,  
ship, then there can never be any desirable  
citizenship.

The men whom I denounce represent the men  
who have  
abandoned that legitimate movement for the  
uplifting of  
labor, with which I have the most hearty  
sympathy; they  
have adopted practices which cut them off from  
those who  
lead this legitimate movement. In every way I  
shall sup-  
port the law-abiding and upright  
representatives of labor;  
and in no way can I better support them than  
by drawing  
the sharpest possible line between them on,  
the one hand,